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NEWSPAPERS

NYTIMES (GWERTZMAN): AT AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE IN LAHORE
KISSINGER SAID U.S. AND PAKISTAN HAD AGREED TO SEEK
COMPROMISE ON SAFEGUARDS FOR REPROCESSING FACILITY BUT
HE WAS RELUCTANT TO GO INTO DETAILS. REPORTERS ON
PLANE WERE TOLD THAT UNLESS SUITABLE COMPROMISE REACHED,
PAKISTAN WILL NOT GET CORSAIRS AND RISKS LOSING ALL AID.
ONE APPROACH WOULD BE FOR PAKISTAN AND FRANCE TO FOLLOW US-
IRAN REPROCESSING FORMULA. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH
WILL BE NEEDED TO SEE IF THIS IS FEASIBLE. ISSUE HAS BECOME
MAJOR IN US/PAKISTAN RELATIONS, THOUGH US OFFICIALS
BELIEVE PLANT UNDER CURRENT INADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS COULD
NOT PRODUCE WEAPONS MATERIALS FOR 10 YEARS.

PARIS DATELINED ITEM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BERNIE'S

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STORY SAYS FRENCH CALLED IN US CHARGE TO EXPRESS

SURPRISE AND DISPLEASURE AT US EFFORTS TO BLOCK FRENCH-PAKISTAN DEAL (SEE SEPTTEL FOR FULL TEXT.)

WASHINGTON POST (LIPPMAN,; SHORT PIECE SHIRTAILED ONTO HOAGLAND STORY (SENT SEPTTEL) SAYS PAKISTAN FACES AID CUTOFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH US LAW. LIKEWISE, REPROCESSING

SAFEGUARDS WILL DETERMINE ACTION ON A-7 SALE.

WALL STREET JOURNAL (KEATLEY): KISSINGER AND BHUTTO HAVE "DEMONSTRATED THE DIFFICULTY AND PERHAPS IMPOSSIBILITY OF STOPPING SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS." WHILE KISSINGER APPARENTLY BELIEVES US CAN DEFLECT PAKISTAN FROM CURRENT PLANS, REPORTERS WERE TOLD NO DECISIONS WERE REACHED IN TALKS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW BHUTTO CAN BACK DOWN FROM ALREADY CONCLUDED AGREEMENT TO BUY FRENCH PLANT WITH MANY PAKISTANIS BELIEVING INDIA AIMS TO DISMEMBER AND ABSORB THEIR COUNTRY.

KISSINGER WILL DISCUSS THIS SITUATION SOON WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS BUT APPARENTLY NOT ON THIS BRIEF VISIT TO FRANCE.

ONE SOLUTION WOULD BE TO BUILD PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR FACILITY IN FRANCE UNDER STRONG SAFEGUARDS. US AND JAPAN ARE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT.

THOUGH PAKISTAN THREAT WOULD NOT ARISE FOR 10-15 YEARS, US OFFICIALS FEEL URGENT ACTION IS NEEDED TO CURB FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
BOSTON GLOBE: NOT AVAILABLE.
TIME: SENT SEPTTEL.

WIRES:

AP (FREED): ON PHONE TODAY KISSINGER EXPLAINED TO SAUVAGNARGUES AMERICAN OBJECTIONS TO PAKISTAN REPROCESSING SALE. SPOKESMAN FUNSETH DESCRIBED 5-10 MINUTE CONVERSATION AS FRIENDLY, CONSTRUCTIVE AND NON-CONFRONTATIONAL.

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A SENIOR OFFICIAL TOLD TRAVELLING REPORTERS THAT PRESENT AGREEMENT WOULD ALLOW 5 OF PLUTONIUM TO BE DIVERTED FOR ARMAMENTS.

FRENCH SAY IAEA HAS APPROVED CONTRACT AND OFFICIAL SOURCES SAY THAT IT CONTAINS ALL NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS. THEY CALLED KISSINGER'S THREAT TO PAKISTAN ELECTION YEAR POLITICKING. FREED QUOTES SIMILAR SENTIMENTS FROM

L'AUORE AND LES ECHOS.

SHORT AP PIECE SAYS "THERE APPEARS TO BE NO LIKELIHOOD
FRENCH WOULD SUPPORT AMERICAN" DEMANDS ON SAFEGUARDS.

UP (NO BYLINE) CHATTING WITH REPORTERS IN NORMANDY
KISSINGER SAID THERE WAS "NO LEGAL BASIS" FOR WAR OVER
AEGEAN BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

HE DESCRIBED CONVERSATION WITH SAUVAGNARGUES ON
PAKISTAN AS "FRIENDLY" AND "NOT CONFRONTATIONAL."

RADIO/TV:

AGAIN, THIS MORNING NOTHING FROM TRAVELLING BROADCASTERS.

OTHER ITEMS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST FOLLOW:

BERNARD KALB, FIRST LINE REPORT, CBS RADIO.
"PRESIDENT: KISSINGER WILL BE THERE".

PRESIDENTIAL NEWS GOT LOST IN THE POLITICAL RUSH, AFTER
THIS.

EVERYTHING'S KANSAS CITY, THESE DAYS. IT'S ALMOST AS
THOUGH, IF IT IS NOT POLITICAL, IT IS NOT NEWS. THAT'S
TOO BAD, EVEN FOR PRESIDENT FORD. HE MADE SOME NEWS
OVER THE WEEKEND THAT SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN LOST IN THE
NATION'S POLITICAL PREOCCUPATIONS. IN FACT, HE MADE,
TO GIVE JUST ONE EXAMPLE, A BIT OF NEWS THAT EVEN THE
STATE DEPARTMENT SEEMED UNAWARE OF. AS THOUGH THE
PRESIDENT AND HIS FOREIGN POLICY ESTABLISHMENT WERE TALK-
ING ABOUT TWO DIFFERENT HENRY KISSINGERS, ON THE
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SPECIFIC QUESTION OF WHETHER THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL
JOIN THE CROWDS DESCENDING ON KANSAS CITY.

IN HIS WEEKEND INTERVIEW WITH THE TWO MAJOR NEWS AGENCIES,
THE PRESIDENT WAS ASKED, 'DO YOU THINK KISSINGER IS A
LIABILITY IN THIS CAMPAIGN? I KNOW,' THE REPORTER
WENT ON, 'YOU ARE KEEPING HIM OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE
IN KANSAS CITY BY LETTING VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER

ENUNCIATE FOREIGN POLICY. YOU SEEM TO BE KEEPING HIM OUT
OF THE COUNTRY QUITE A BIT TOO.'

THE PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT 'THE SECRETARY IS ON SOME VERY
IMPORTANT MISSIONS RIGHT NOW,' ADDING THAT 'KISSINGER
WILL BE AT THE CONVENTION.' WELL, THAT MUST HAVE COME

AS NEWS TO KISSINGER'S OWN DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BECAUSE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER KISSINGER WILL BE GOING TO KANSAS CITY CAME UP AT YESTERDAY'S NEWS BRIEFING AT STATE, AND THE OFFICIAL REPLY WAS THAT 'NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE PLANS FOR KISSINGER TO ATTEND THE GOP CONVENTION.

CAN ONE CONCLUDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S 'NO DECISION' IS A CHALLENGE TO THE PRESIDENT'S 'KISSINGER WILL BE AT THE CONVENTION'? THE ANSWER IS OBVIOUSLY 'NO'. MORE LIKELY, IT'S A CASE OF THE DEPARTMENT BEING A LITTLE BEHIND IN ITS READING MATTER. INCIDENTALLY, THE PRESIDENT'S CHARACTERIZATION OF THE CURRENT KISSINGER ITINERARY, INCLUDING 'SOME VERY IMPORTANT MISSIONS,' IS RATHER EYE-CATCHING. UNOFFICIAL ITINERARY-WATCHERS OF THE SECRETARY HAVE PREVIOUSLY CHARACTERIZED THE TRIP HE'S ON AS ONE OF LEAST URGENT MISSIONS ABROAD, WITH STOPOVERS IN SUCH UNHEADLINED CITIES AS KABUL, IN AFGHANISTAN; LAHORE, IN PAKISTAN; THE RESORT CENTER OF DEAUVILLE, IN FRANCE; AND FINALLY, THE HAGUE, IN THE NETHERLANDS.

TO GET BACK TO SOME OTHER PRESIDENTIAL NEWS OF THE INTERVIEW. MR. FORD DISCLOSED THAT HE'S BEEN TOLD THAT THE TWO CONTROVERSIAL NUCLEAR BLASTS BY THE RUSSIANS LAST MONTH FELL IN THE RANGE BETWEEN 100 AND 300 KILOTONS; UNCLASSIFIED

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THE FINAL WORD IS NOT YET IN. PREVIOUSLY, THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT WERE SAYING ONLY THAT THESE BLASTS WERE IN A RANGE THAT STRADDLES 150 KILOTONS. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID, AND WHAT THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAY, IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THE TREATIES SIGNED WITH THE RUSSIANS, BUT NOT YET RATIFIED BY CONGRESS, PLACE A LIMIT OF 150 KILOTONS ON ANY SINGLE BLAST. THE PRESIDENT'S DISCLOSURE OF THE RANGE BEING BETWEEN ONE HUNDRED AND THREE HUNDRED KILOTONS WOULD INDICATE AT LEAST THE INITIAL ODDS WERE THAT THE SOVIET EXPLOSIONS DID EXCEED THE LIMIT.

THE PRESIDENT ALSO MADE ANOTHER BIT OF NEWS, WHEN HE REVEALED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE RUSSIANS ON THESE NUCLEAR BLASTS, THE CONTACT DEVELOPING AFTER PRELIMINARY INFORMATION HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY U.S. SCIENTISTS. FOR ITS PART, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID ON FRIDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT ASKED THE SOVIETS THE SIZE OF THEIR TWO MOST RECENT EXPLOSIONS. ALL IN ALL, THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN CLEARLY MORE FORTHCOMING WITH DETAILS THAN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. BUT, ON SECOND THOUGHT, NO ONE SHOULD BE

SURPRISED. AFTER ALL, IT'S NO SECRET THAT STATE, AT LEAST
ON THE RECORD, SOMETIMES SUFFERS FROM THAT INSTITUTIONAL,

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE: MASSIVE AMBIGUITY. END TEXT.

HOWARD K. SMITH, ABC EVENING NEWS, AUGUST 9.
"HELSINKI ONE YEAR LATER."

QUIETLY, HARDLY NOTICED, THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
HELSINKI PACT PASSED THE OTHER DAY. REMEMBER, THAT WAS
THE PACT SIGNED BY US, RUSSIA, AND EAST AND WEST EUROPE
THAT MANY THOUGHT WE SHOULDN'T SIGN BECAUSE IT LEGITIMIZED
RUSSIAN CONTROL OF EASTERN EUROPE. WELL, IN A YEAR,
ADVANTAGE IN THAT PACT HAS TURNED AROUND 180 DEGREES;
TO GET US TO SIGN, RUSSIA INCLUDED A CLAUSE PROMISING MORE
FREEDOM IN ALL SIGNATORY NATIONS. BREZHNEV KNEW NOT WHAT
HE WAS DOING THEREBY. HITHERTO, HE HAS SHUT UP OUR
COMPLAINTS ABOUT ATROCITIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN BY
SAYING THEY'RE INTERNAL MATTERS, NO BUSINESS OF ANYBODY'S
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BUT HIS. BUT, BY PUTTING A PROMISE TO END THEM IN THE
PACT, HE MADE LACK OF FREEDOM IN HIS EMPIRE A
LEGITIMATE INTERNATIONAL CONCERN. NEXT JUNE, IN BELGRADE,
THE SIGNATORIES TO THE PACT ARE GOING TO MEET AND PASS
JUDGMENT ON WHO IS COMPLYING. MEANWHILE, DISSIDENTS IN
RUSSIA, LED BY YURI ORLOV, ARE PREPARING A LIST OF
FLAGRANT BREACHES OF THAT TREATY BY RUSSIA. RUSSIA'S
GRIP ON HER PUPPETS HAS WEAKENED VISIBLY LATELY; WITNESS
THE SUCCESSFUL MASS STRIKES IN POLAND AND THE FORMAL
DECLARATION OF WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES THEY WILL NO
LONGER TAKE MOSCOW'S DICTATION. WELL, WHEN RUSSIA'S
FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE TREATY AND FLAGRANT MISTREATMENT
OF HER OWN IS LAID BARE, WITH DETAIL'S UNDENIABLE
EVIDENCE IN BELGRADE, HER IMPERIAL GRIP IS APT TO
WEAKEN FURTHER AND FASTER.

THUS, THE HELSINKI PACT HAS TURNED IN A YEAR MAGICALLY
FROM A PRO-RUSSIAN TO AN ANTI-RUSSIAN DOCUMENT. END TEXT.

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